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E.O. 12065: GDS 2/20/87 (CHEEK, JAMES R)

TAGS: CASC: (SULLIVAN, JOHN J)

SUBJECT: W/W - JOHN J. SULLIVAN

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY A PERSON CLOSE TO THE SULLIVAN FAMILY THAT PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR EL SALVADOR, SULLIVAN [redacted] IN MEXICO AND LATER TO COVER INSURGENT ACTIVITIES WITH LEFTIST GUERRILLAS IN EL SALVADOR. FAMILY HAS NOT REVEALED THIS INFORMATION BECAUSE, ACCORDING TO SOURCE, THEY DID NOT WANT TO ENDANGER [redacted] OR FURTHER ENDANGER THEIR SON SHOULD HE STILL BE ALIVE AND LIVING/WRITING AMONG THE GUERRILLAS.

3. THE SULLIVANS HAVE PROVIDED COPY OF LETTER FROM A [redacted] WRITTEN ON JANUARY 20, 1981, TO A FAMILY FRIEND [redacted] IN NEW JERSEY. LETTER'S TEXT IS AS FOLLOWS:

"DEAR [redacted]

"WITH REFERENCE TO JOHN J. SULLIVAN, THERE HAS BEEN ABSOLUTELY NO NEWS ABOUT HIM AS TO HIS WHERE ABOUTS.

[redacted]

"I CANNOT VERIFY THE TRUTH OF THIS, SO IT MAY OR MAY NOT BE.

[redacted]

"ENCLOSED IS AN ARTICLE THAT CAME OUT IN OUR LOCAL NEWSPAPER.

"CORDIALLY,

[redacted]

4. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COMMENT ON THE POSSIBLE VERACITY OF THIS INFORMATION. EMBASSY SHOULD NOT RPT NOT SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH SALVADORAN AUTHORITIES TO PROTECT SOURCES. HAIG

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